

## **Vanuatu Chefs and Food handlers Association**

The weekend of the 26<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup> of August saw the arrival of Glenn Austin and Rick Stephens in Vanuatu to conduct a training workshop for the Vanuatu Chef Association Judges involved in this weeks 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Salon Culinaire, and for the Committee to meet with Glenn and discuss the assistance that the Pacific Rim Branch of WACs could offer to Vanuatu. Both the Seminar and the meeting were of immense value to all of those involved and we would like to thank both Glenn and Rick for the time and effort they have put into assisting the committee here in developing our association both with their input and offers of assistance. The Committee has as a result voted to join WACs as an associate member aiming for full membership in 2-3 years time.

At the moment we are running at 185 members with more joining up all the time so we are very excited with the interest from the chefs around Vila, The association has recently rented an office at the local Training Institute with the assistance of Michael Callahan from Pacific Suppliers who has generously sponsored our rent and Cornelia Wylie from Vanuatu Direct with a cash Donation to assist with the Admin expenses. We are very fortunate in that we are being supported by both the industry and our suppliers at this stage of our development and this all bodes well for the future. We have also adopted a new Logo and motto. In the Ni-Vanuatu Culture the leaves around the logo represent peace or Sacred, the Pigs Tusks are for Wealth and the Chefs hat is self explanatory, hopefully we will all end up being very wealthy and peaceful and looked upon as Gods as all Chefs should.....

This week we are running our 2<sup>nd</sup> National Salon Culinaire with nearly double the entries of last year and with more restaurants being involved, I will be reporting on the event in the next issue so I won't go into too much detail.

Anyway to all our fellow Chefs around the region Lukim yu, bon Appetit

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